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WYOMING LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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Trend Setters

	Jun'90	Jul'90
Wyoming		
Labor Force	249,046	247,847
Employment	239,456	238,938
Unemployment	9,590	8,909
Rate (Raw)	3.9	3.6
Rate (S.A.)	4.4	4.1
Mining Hourly Wage	$15.00	$14.94
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	45.6	46.3
USA		
Rate (S.A.)	5.3	5.5
Mining Hourly Wage	$13.49	$13.55
Avg. Weekly Hours, Mining	44.6	43.6
Consumer Price Index		
All Urban (1982-1984 = 100)		
U.S. City Avg.	129.9	130.4
Year Change(U.S.)	+4.7	+4.8

S.A.-Seasonally Adjusted

July U.S. Unemployment Up at 5.5 Percent

The national unemployment rate, after hovering in the 5.0-5.4 percent range for the past 21 months, went to 5.5 percent in July. This was the highest unemployment since August, 1988, and compares to 5.2 percent in June. In July the number of non-farm jobs lost over the month, at 219,000, were nearly all temporary Census workers and construction and manufacturing layoffs. Unemployment was up in July 0.2 percent for both adult men and women, to 4.9 and 4.7 percent.

Total national employment in July, at 118 million, was up only 517,000 workers, or 0.4 percent over the year. This reflects a substantial slowdown in new job growth.

WY July Unemployment at 4.1 Percent

July in Wyoming saw a continuation of the spring and early summer 1990 pattern of employment gains and declining unemployment.

Unemployment in the state, at 4.1 percent seasonally adjusted, dropped substantially below the national level for the second month in a row. Wyoming had posted higher unemployment than the nation as a whole from June of 1988 through April of this year.

The unadjusted statewide rate in July, at 3.6 percent, was the lowest for the month since 1981. This compares to 3.9 percent last month and 6.3 percent last year. The July jobless number, at 8,909, was down a notable 42 percent from the year ago count of 15,439. This compares to a 33 percent drop, over the year in June.

Tourists "Found Themselves" in Wyoming

In July, as in June, it appears that near record numbers of tourists played a role in dropping the rate of unemployment. According to Park officials the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park gate counts were up 8 and 21 percent in July, compared to a year ago. This sharp jump in tourist visitations was largely responsible for Park and Teton counties posting labor force growth of 1,400 and 1,700 individuals over the previous month and year. The Jackson Hole area again registered both the greatest over the year labor force gain, 1,010, and growth rate, 6.7 percent.

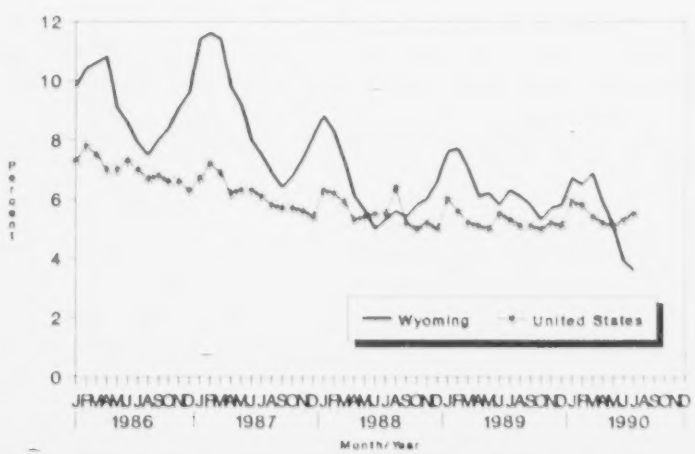
Jackson Hole Unemployment at Record Low

Teton County again posted the state's lowest unemployment in July, at 0.7 percent. This not only shattered its former low of 1.2 percent, set just last month, but set an all-time state record low county unemployment rate.

Economy Continues to Improve in Rest of State

Elsewhere in the state, Sweetwater County had the highest unemployment at 5.1 percent, still below the national average of 5.5 percent. Both Laramie and Natrona counties posted unemployment declines over the year, with rates of 3.6 and 4.2 percent. In addition, compared to a year ago, the number of persons employed increased by 1,600 in Laramie County and 800 in Natrona County.

Unemployment Rate, Wyoming and the U.S.
Civilian Unadjusted
1986 - 1990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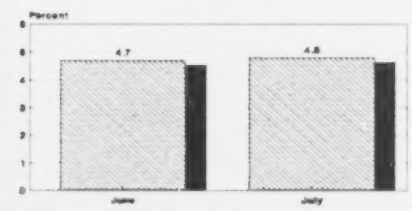
New Jobs Concentrated in Retail Trade and Services

Statewide, Research and Planning's survey of employers indicated that employment in retail trade and service establishments accounted for the lion's share of new jobs. State and local government jobs decreased by 7,400 in July, due to seasonal employment layoffs in education.

Product Announcement:

The forthcoming *Report of Applicants and Job Openings* reveals that, during the quarter ending June 1990, job placement activities conducted through Job Service were at their highest level since 1985. The strong surge in labor supply and demand exchange conducted by Job Service is consistent with a declining statewide unemployment rate during spring and summer months and overall growth in employment shown by the monthly establishment survey. *Applicants and Openings* details geographic and occupational labor exchange during the second quarter of 1990 and will be available at the end of September.

Consumer Price Index
Annual Percent Change
All Urban



Consumer Price Index

(1982-1984 = 100)
All Urban

	July 1990	Annual % change
All Items	130.4	4.8
Food & Beverage	132.4	5.6
Housing	129.2	4.3
Entertainment	132.7	4.6
Apparel & Upkeep	120.8	5.0
Transportation	118.4	2.6
Medical	163.5	9.2

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Wyoming Labor Force and Employment
1986 - 1990

Scale does not begin at zero.
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, BLS and Research & Analysis.

Wyoming Payrolls Up Over the Year

Preliminary data indicate total wages and salaries covered under Wyoming's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program during First Quarter, 1990 increased by 6.8 percent, up $56.3 million, compared to the same quarter one year ago (see graph). Preliminary earnings will be adjusted upward from the current $881.2 million as late tax filing information becomes available. Wages and salaries covered under the UI program comprise almost 91 percent of all wages and salaries paid in Wyoming and represent more than half of all personal income. Total UI covered wages and salaries grew by 2.3 percent ($22.1 million) during First Quarter, 1989 in comparison with First Quarter, 1988.

Tabular data concerning employment, total payrolls, and average weekly wage per job for the Fourth Quarter, 1989 for each county are presented on page three in this issue of *Trends*. As revealed in this table, total wage and salary growth during Fourth Quarter also showed a strong 5.5 percent rate of growth over the same quarter in 1988.

WYOMING TOTAL PAYROLL
U. I. COVERED EMPLOYMENT
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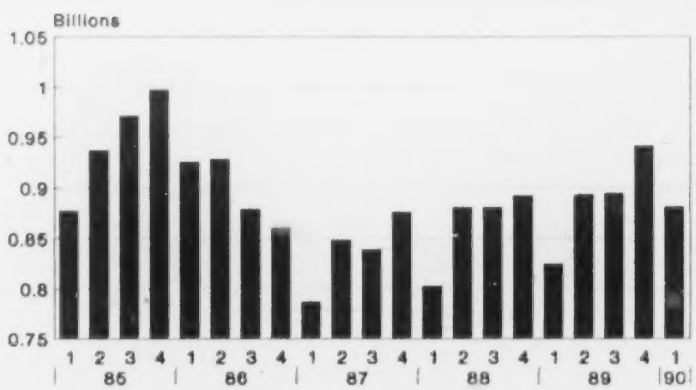

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FULL & PART-TIME UI COVERED AND FEDERAL JOBS WORKED, TOTAL PAYROLLS, AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE IN WYOMING BY COUNTY

		AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT			TOTAL PAYROLLS			AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE		
		4TH QTR 1989	4TH QTR 1988	% CHANGE	4TH QTR 1989	4TH QTR 1988	% CHANGE	4TH QTR 1989	4TH QTR 1988	% CHANGE
TOTAL, INCLUDING FEDERAL WORKERS		186,625	181,277	2.9%	$941,417,568	$892,383,905	5.5%	$388	$379	2.5%
ALBANY	001	11,820	11,878	-0.5	$50,469,616	$49,005,016	3.0	$328	$317	3.5
BIG HORN	003	3,123	3,055	2.2	13,573,795	13,004,783	4.4	334	327	2.1
CAMPBELL	005	14,022	13,290	5.5	89,644,631	85,348,372	5.0	492	494	-0.5
CARBON	007	6,555	6,682	-1.9	30,103,096	30,547,659	-1.5	353	352	0.5
CONVERSE	009	3,720	3,947	-5.7	20,362,717	21,930,229	-7.1	421	427	-1.5
CROOK	011	1,590	1,773	-10.3	6,811,255	7,754,848	-12.2	329	336	-2.1
FREMONT	013	11,771	11,585	1.6	50,404,544	50,475,342	-0.1	329	335	-1.7
GOSHEN	015	3,863	3,883	-0.5	14,905,214	14,628,282	1.9	297	290	2.4
HOT SPRINGS	017	1,930	1,994	-3.2	8,331,907	8,451,784	-1.4	332	326	1.9
JOHNSON	019	2,223	2,163	2.8	8,825,799	8,184,668	7.8	305	291	4.9
LARAMIE	021	30,336	30,252	0.3	147,722,226	141,400,363	4.5	375	360	4.2
LINCOLN	023	4,316	4,301	0.3	22,631,012	22,559,138	0.3	403	403	0.0
NATRONA	025	27,158	27,166	0.0	142,055,327	141,224,584	0.6	402	400	0.6
NIOBRARA	027	723	747	-3.3	2,786,148	2,572,208	8.3	297	265	12.0
PARK	029	9,160	8,884	3.1	42,921,851	41,408,336	3.7	360	359	0.5
PLATTE	031	2,621	2,699	-2.9	11,832,849	11,393,918	3.9	347	325	6.9
SHERIDAN	033	8,801	8,555	2.9	36,633,694	34,613,809	5.8	320	311	2.9
SUBLETTE	035	2,005	1,637	22.5	10,083,594	8,076,970	24.8	387	380	1.9
SWEETWATER	037	17,790	17,014	4.6	115,309,915	108,781,530	6.0	499	492	1.4
TETON	039	8,183	7,463	9.7	39,915,506	32,362,774	23.3	375	334	12.5
UINTA	041	7,094	6,769	4.8	35,070,437	33,036,141	6.2	380	375	1.3
WASHAKIE	043	3,208	3,260	-1.6	15,948,287	15,439,645	3.3	382	364	5.0
WESTON	045	2,198	2,280	-3.6	9,589,929	10,183,505	-5.8	336	344	-2.3
NONCLASSIFIABLE	999	2,415			15,484,219			493		

Source: ES-202 Report
Research and Planning - Department of Employment

WYOMING
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 1

INDUSTRY	JULY 1990 [1]	JUNE 1990 [2]	JULY 1989 [2]	Percent Change From A Month Ago	Percent Change From A Year Ago
WYOMING EMPLOYMENT DATA					
Total Civilian Labor Force	247,847	249,046	244,679	-0.5	1.3
Unemployment	8,909	9,590	15,439	-7.1	-42.3
Employed Labor Force	238,938	239,456	229,240	-0.2	4.2
Total Unemployment Rate (Wyo.) Seasonally Adjusted*	3.6% 4.1%*	3.9% 4.4%*	6.3% 7.2%*	N/A	N/A
Total Unemployment Rate (U.S.) Seas. Adjusted*	5.5% 5.5%*	5.3% 5.2%*	5.3% 5.3%*	N/A	N/A
HOURS & EARNINGS [4]					
Mining (Production Workers):					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 691.72	$ 684.00	$ 663.94	1.1	4.2
Average Weekly Hours	46.3	45.6	44.5	1.5	4.0
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 14.94	$ 15.00	$ 14.92	-0.4	0.1
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE					
Claims Filed in Local Offices	10,865	9,972	13,082	9.0	-16.9
a. Initial	1,588	1,533	1,685	3.6	-5.8
Weeks Compensated	6,168	7,066	8,309	-12.7	-25.8
Total Amount Benefits Paid	$ 940,804	$ 1,064,648	$ 1,295,951	-11.6	-27.4
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	$ 152.03	$ 150.02	$ 155.20	1.3	-2.0
Unemployment Insurance State Covered Jobs [3]	182,737	187,257	180,557	-2.4	1.2
Insured Unemployment Rate (Wyo.)	1.1%	1.2%	1.4%	N/A	N/A
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES					
Total Applications Received During Month	7,245	4,087	6,930	77.3	4.5
Total Openings Received	3,743	6,519	3,586	-42.6	4.4
Individual Placements	2,503	2,644	2,255	-5.3	11.0
Placement Transactions	2,785	4,589	2,517	-39.3	10.6
UNITED STATES DATA					
HOURS & EARNINGS [4]					
Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	$ 590.78	$ 601.65	$ 550.38	-1.8	7.3
Average Weekly Hours	43.6	44.6	42.5	-2.2	2.6
Average Hourly Earnings	$ 13.55	$ 13.49	$ 12.95	0.4	4.6
PRICE INDEXES					
Consumer Price Index 1982-84=100	130.4	129.9	124.4	0.4	4.8
Producer Prices, All Commodities 1982-84=100	114.3	114.2	112.8	0.1	1.3
Food and Beverage 1982-84=100	132.4	131.7	125.4	0.5	5.6

1 Preliminary. 2 Revised. 3 Not benchmarked to current population survey. 4 Estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 5 Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates. N/A Not Appropriate

WYOMING
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 2 *(Prepared in cooperation with U S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

	LABOR FORCE					UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
COUNTY	JUL 1990	JUN 1990	JUL 1989	CHANGE JUN-JUL	% CHANGE JUL-JUL	JUL 1990	JUN 1990	JUL 1989	JUL 1990	JUN 1990	JUL 1989
Statewide	247,847	249,046	244,679	-0.5	1.3	8,909	9,590	15,439	3.6	3.9	6.3
Statewide - Seasonally Adjusted									4.1	4.4	7.2
Albany	16,005	15,928	15,179	0.5	5.4	368	345	596	2.3	2.2	3.9
Big Horn	5,150	5,459	4,965	-5.7	3.7	208	255	319	4.0	4.7	6.4
Campbell	15,909	15,792	15,772	0.7	0.9	754	792	1,149	4.7	5.0	7.3
Carbon	8,025	8,400	7,999	-4.5	0.3	307	353	582	3.8	4.2	7.3
Converse	4,703	4,788	5,184	-1.8	-9.3	205	229	423	4.4	4.8	8.2
Crook	2,842	2,873	2,985	-1.1	-4.8	73	80	159	2.6	2.8	5.3
Fremont	16,531	16,459	16,364	0.4	1.0	764	844	1,322	4.6	5.1	8.1
Goshen	6,003	6,430	5,929	-6.6	1.2	147	187	319	2.4	2.9	5.4
Hot Springs	2,991	3,123	2,868	-4.2	4.3	95	96	134	3.2	3.1	4.7
Johnson	3,970	4,197	3,866	-5.4	2.7	93	133	238	2.3	3.2	6.2
Laramie	38,163	37,688	37,282	1.3	2.4	1,355	1,266	2,073	3.6	3.4	5.6
Lincoln	5,497	5,802	5,805	-5.3	-5.3	241	301	511	4.4	5.2	8.8
Natrona	30,265	31,023	30,459	-2.4	-0.6	1,265	1,329	2,267	4.2	4.3	7.4
Niobrara	1,523	1,572	1,460	-3.1	4.3	22	43	35	1.4	2.7	2.4
Park	16,289	15,793	15,603	3.1	4.4	470	524	709	2.9	3.3	4.5
Platte	4,160	4,367	4,271	-4.7	-2.6	168	224	263	4.0	5.1	6.2
Sheridan	13,430	13,639	12,944	-1.5	3.8	480	426	670	3.6	3.1	5.2
Sublette	3,199	3,270	3,062	-2.2	4.5	90	86	201	2.8	2.6	6.6
Sweetwater	19,051	19,547	19,341	-2.5	-1.5	972	1,098	1,772	5.1	5.6	9.2
Teton	16,145	15,256	15,135	5.8	6.7	113	179	280	0.7	1.2	1.9
Uinta	10,239	10,050	10,298	1.9	-0.6	435	465	830	4.2	4.6	8.1
Washakie	4,592	4,463	4,570	2.9	0.5	168	181	307	3.7	4.1	6.7
Weston	3,168	3,127	3,339	1.3	-5.1	116	155	280	3.7	5.0	8.4
United States									5.5	5.3	5.3
United States - Seasonally Adjusted									5.5	5.2	5.3

The data contained in this table includes updated procedures mandated by the the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the 1988 data has been benchmarked to the Current Population Survey as conducted in Wyoming.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING [1]

Table 3

(Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP.	
	JUL 1990 [2] Total	JUN 1990 [3] Total	JUL 1989 Total	JUN 1990 to JUL 1990	JUL 1989 to JUL 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	200.1	205.2	198.8	-2.5 %	0.7 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	38.6	38.3	38.3	0.8	0.8
Mining	17.9	17.7	17.7	1.1	1.1
Coal Mining	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.1	2.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	8.2	8.1	8.2	1.2	0.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.9	0.9
General Building Contractors	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	5.3
Heavy Construction	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Special Trade Construction	4.8	4.7	4.8	2.1	0.0
Manufacturing	9.0	9.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.7	1.8	1.7	-5.6	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	161.5	166.9	160.5	-3.2	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	14.8	14.7	14.8	0.7	0.0
Transportation	9.0	8.9	9.0	1.1	0.0
Railroad Transportation	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	-3.6
Trucking & Warehousing	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
Communications	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	0.0
Trade	48.7	47.6	47.5	2.3	2.5
Wholesale Trade	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0	0.0
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	41.3	40.2	40.1	2.7	3.0
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	5.7	5.1	4.9	11.8	16.3
Food Stores	5.9	5.9	5.8	0.0	1.7
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6.4	6.3	6.4	1.6	0.0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	1.5	1.4	1.4	7.1	7.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Eating & Drinking Places	15.1	14.9	15.0	1.3	0.7
Miscellaneous Retail	4.2	4.1	4.1	2.4	2.4

See footnotes at end of table

Table 3 (Cont.) NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN WYOMING [1]

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS JUL 1990 [2] Total	JUN 1990 [3] Total	JUL 1989 Total	% CHANGE IN TOTAL EMP. JUN 1990 to JUL 1990	JUL 1989 to JUL 1990
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	7.4	7.4	7.4	0.0 %	0.0 r
Finance	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	-2.4
Insurance	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Other *	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	5.9
Services	42.1	41.4	41.7	1.7	1.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.4	10.7	11.3	6.5	0.9
Personal Services	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Business Services	3.4	3.5	3.4	-2.9	0.0
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Amusements & Recreational Services including Motion Pictures	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Health Services	7.9	7.8	7.7	1.3	2.6
Legal Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Social Services	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other *	8.3	8.3	8.2	0.0	1.2
Government	48.5	55.8	49.1	-13.1	-1.2
Total Federal Government	7.9	7.8	7.9	1.3	0.0
Total State Government	13.0	13.3	13.9	-2.3	-6.5
Total Local Government	27.6	34.7	27.3	-20.5	1.1
CASPER (Natrona County)					
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	28.2	28.7	27.8	-1.7 %	1.4 %
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	5.8	5.7	5.8	1.8	0.0
Manufacturing	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Mining	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	2.3	2.2	2.2	4.6	4.6
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.7	6.3	0.0
TOTAL SERVICE PRODUCING	22.4	23.0	22.0	-2.6	1.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	1.9	1.8	1.7	5.6	11.8
Transportation	1.2	1.1	1.1	9.1	9.1
Communications & Public Utilities	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	16.7
Trade	7.9	7.9	8.0	0.0	-1.3
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.1	2.2	4.8	0.0
Retail Trade	5.7	5.8	5.8	-1.7	-1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Services	6.5	6.5	6.4	0.0	1.6
Personal & Business Services	1.3	1.2	1.2	8.3	8.3
Health Services	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Government	4.7	5.4	4.5	-13.0	4.4

1 Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers in non-agricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Proprietors, self-employeds, domestic servants and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. 2 Subject to revision. 3 Revised figures.
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